

THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW AND THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM: RAISING THE BAR ON ACCOUNTABILITY

13-17 NOVEMBER 2023
IN GENEVA AND ONLINE

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The emergence of the United Nations (UN) Universal Periodic Review (UPR) has brought new life into the measures taken at the international and national levels to hold states accountable to their international human rights and humanitarian law obligations.

The UPR has also generated a number of initiatives at national levels at a scale previously unrealised in the attempts to translate international human rights commitments into practice at the policy and field levels: improved inter-ministerial coordination; robust national civil society alliances; more rigorous work by UN agencies; new reporting and monitoring steps by national human rights institutions (NHRI's); more comprehensive training opportunities and human rights education on human rights and humanitarian instruments; a better understanding of the links between human rights and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's).

This training course – co-organized with UPR-Info – will explore the origin and evolution of the UPR and its functioning in Geneva. It will largely focus on the nature of implementation of the UPR recommendations at the national level. Using examples (including anecdotes from the experience of the lecturers) of different stages of implementation the course will provide hands-on exercises to demonstrate the new pathways the UPR is evolving for the realization of human rights.

AUDIENCE

This training course is designed for staff of NGOs, research institutes, UN agencies (especially members with experience of fieldwork) and other national and international organisations, members of NHRIs and representatives of governments and academia.

METHODOLOGY

The course will be conducted in a participatory training mode with a combination of illustrated lectures and group exercises aimed at evolving practical documents to be used in the UPR process.

LECTURERS

The training course will be led by Miloon Kothari, a renowned expert on human rights and social policy, with extensive teaching and training experience on the UN human rights system and the UPR.

The course will include specific sessions by guest lecturers drawn from OHCHR, UN agencies, ambassadors from Permanent Missions in Geneva and Geneva-based NGOs including UPR-Info.

ACCESS TO A DEDICATED COMMUNITY PLATFORM

All participants in our training course have access – ahead, during and following their course – to a dedicated community platform (on Mighty Network). This community brings together all the participants to our courses who have unlimited access to the training materials and resources shared during their course and can exchange with all the alumni of the Geneva Human Rights Platform Training Hub.

IN GENEVA AND ONLINE

The course can be followed in Geneva or online.

APPLICATION DEADLINES AND FEE

Fees for on-site participation: CHF 1,530 Swiss Francs (There is a 30 percent discount for PhD and master students).

Fees for online participation: CHF 1,250 Swiss Francs

Deadlines:

- Application end with visa: 20 October 2023
- Application end (without visa and online): 6 October 2023

* These two discounts cannot be combined.